

AFROSAI-E AWARDS SAI NAMIBIA WITH REGIONAL INNOVATION AWARD



SAI Namibia as they receive the IS Audit award in South Africa. **picture compliments of AFROSAI-E*

The African Organisation for Supreme Audit Institutions for English speaking countries (AFROSAI-E) held its 13th Technical Update where it sought to recognize Supreme Audit Institutions within the region that demonstrate commitment to the implementation of guidance and innovation in their approaches; and excellence in their work.

According to the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI)12 which speaks to the value and benefits of SAIs, who continuously need to innovate to improve the SAIs offering to citizens.

SAI Namibia fully complied to ISSAI 12 with its development of an Information System Audit Universe. Therefore, AFROSAI-e recognized Namibia with the official Innovative Award for IS Audit.

IS Audit is a support audit and it should therefore add value to Financial, Compliance and Performance audits by ensuring critical systems are audited. This recognition of systems criticality is something that needs to have a proper basis and calls for proper engagement of IS Audit and other auditors in the SAI.

SAI Namibia officially started IS Audit in September 2017 and they have committed to make a difference in the SAI.

The department, in conjunction with its internal Information Technology division, developed an information system with a database to capture information about systems being used by government. This system can give ranking on which systems are riskier and help focus their audit support for other auditors.

Other SAIs also received recognition for work well done. SAI Kenya received an award for demonstrating the most visible and efficient implementation of Regularity Audit methodologies.

SAI Eritrea received an award for demonstrating commitment to the Performance Audit. The award for Communication and Stakeholder Management was awarded

to SAI Uganda for demonstrating excellence in communicating with their stakeholders. The SAI has made great strides to live up to the ideals of ISSAI12 on the Value & Benefits of SAIs.

The development of the IS Audit Universe for SAI Namibia is a first of its kind not just for Namibia but for the entire AFROSAI region.

AFROSAI-e also recognised SAIs for their efforts in participating in the AFROSAI-E Senior Leadership Development Programme (SLDP). To facilitate experiential learning and to build the competence of "execution" the participating SAIs were given the challenge to identify and implement an initiative to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies in their SAI.

The projects selected by the three teams were: **South Africa**: Factors impacting the retention of executives; **Mozambique**: Development of a certification programme for external auditors and **Nigeria**: Implementing an integrity control policy.

For excellence in implementing the SLDP projects, the awards went to:

- 1st Prize: SAI South Africa
- 2nd Prize: SAI Mozambique
- 3rd Prize: SAI Nigeria

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